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TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph"]

GERMAN SHIPS COME OUT.

FOUR CAPTURED BY THE BRITISH.

A Useful Haul in the North Sea.

London, July 17.

The Admiralty makes the following announcement:—Some of our light forces patrolling the North Sea yesterday morning sighted a number of German steamers, signalled to them to stop and abandon ship, and fired across their bows.

The order was disregarded and the ships made for the Dutch coast. Two reached the shore badly damaged by our fire.

The remaining four were intercepted and captured by our destroyers, who placed prize crews aboard and brought them away under their own steam. Two of these ships crews abandoned their ships, but the other two crews were taken prisoner.

The four ships are now in harbour in this country. They are the *Pellworm*, the *Brietz*, the *Maria Horn* and the *Heins Blumberg*.

[The *Pellworm* is a steamer of 937 tons, built in 1880, and owned by the Hamburg-Manchester Dampfach. The *Brietz*, 1,395 tons, built in 1891, was owned by Heinrich F. C. Arp. The *Maria Horn*, 1,217 tons, built in 1896, was owned by H. C. Horn, of Lubeck. The *Heins Blumberg*, 1,226 tons, was built in 1906 and owned by Leopold and Blumberg. All the vessels named were registered at Hamburg.]

THE RUSSIAN BATTLEFRONTS.

Fresh Activity Expected.

London, July 17.

A message from Petrograd says there is general expectation of German activity on the Riga-Dvinsk line, where the Russian troops are improving rapidly, despite disintegrating influences.

Lively Fighting Reported.

London, July 17.

A German wireless official message says:—There has been lively fighting at Riga, Dvinsk and Smorgon.

We captured the woodlands north of Kalusz. The Russians have evacuated the town and retreated to the south bank of the Lomnica.

There is stronger artillery firing on the Narajewka front.

TO SHIPBUILDERS.

An Appeal from the Admiralty.

London, July 17.

The Iron and Steel Trade Federation has received the following message signed by Sir Edward Carson and Admiral Sir John Jellicoe:—

The Board of Admiralty wish to impress upon all engaged in building and repairing ships how serious are the times in which we live. A determined enemy set himself out to blockade our islands and destroy the merchantmen bringing food to the people and supplies to the Army, using methods contrary to the law of nations. Every day merchantmen are sunk, and we need all our resources to prevent the threatened starvation. The enemy knows this, and has staked everything upon it. If he succeeds, victory will rest with him; if he fails, defeat is certain. There are only two weapons that we can use, and both are forged in the shipyards.

(Message incomplete.)

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S SUCCESSOR.

London, July 17.

The *Daily News* says Mr. Lloyd George is not now unfavourable to the selection of the Hon. Edwin Montagu as a successor to Mr. Austen Chamberlain at the India Office.

[The Right Hon. Mr. Edwin Montagu, P.C., has been Financial Secretary to the Treasury since 1914. For the four years previous, he was Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for India.]

HUGE FIRE IN NORWAY.

London, July 17.

Reuter's correspondent at Christiania states that a great fire has occurred at a Trondhjem warehouse, where goods from Great Britain for Russia were stored.

The damage is estimated at two and three-quarters million pounds. Incendiarism is suspected.

TEA SUPPLIES RUNNING SHORT.

London, July 17.

There were only 1,700 packages available at the weekly sales of Indian tea yesterday. The *Times* points out, in connection therewith, that owing to the shortage of tonnage only 23 million pounds were imported during the past three months, of which 13 million pounds were for War Office account, leaving only 10 million pounds for the trade. This is regarded as most inadequate, and dealers anticipate an acute shortage.

CANADIAN POLITICS.

London, July 17.

Reuter's correspondent at Ottawa says Sir Robert Borden has moved a resolution petitioning His Majesty to extend the term of the present Parliament to October 7, 1918.

A caucus of twenty-six English-speaking Conscriptionist Liberals has met for the purpose of organizing, with a view to negotiations with the Coalition Government.

TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to the "Telegraph"]

THE CRISIS IN GERMANY.

A Triumph for the Militarists.

London, July 17.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam, Dr. Michaelis, the new German Chancellor, yesterday had a conference with Generals von Hindenburg and Lidenhoff and representatives of the Centre, the Progressives and the Socialists.

It is pointed out that the peace formula agreed upon by the Reichstag parties, cabled yesterday, was adopted before the change in the Chancellorship. It is known that the Reichstag has now accepted a change, which means a triumph for the militarists.

The Berlin correspondent of the *Cologne Gazette* describes Dr. Michaelis as the nominee of the armament industry.

The *Koedische Zeitung* is of opinion that a resolution by the Reichstag on the subject of peace is now unnecessary in view of the impending declaration of the Chancellor.

The *Munichener Neuestenachrichten* says that Dr. Michaelis will follow General von Hindenburg's war policy.

The Vienna *Reichspost* says it is high time the German crisis was ended. It says:—“Such a crisis is harmless to other States, but what would happen if the mighty pillar hitherto the pride of friends and the envy of foes trembles?”

Late Chancellor Abused.

London, July 17.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam, the German Press is now abusing Herr von Bethmann Hollweg, whom it describes as facing both ways, and Herr Zimmermann whose “terrible blunders” in the off to Mexico, and, more recently, in the case of the courier caught in Norway with explosives, are recalled.

The Kaiser's First Choice.

London, July 17.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Zurich, the *Neue Zuercher Zeitung* correspondent at Berlin says the Kaiser first offered the Chancellorship to the Bavarian Premier, Count Hertling, who declined for personal reasons.

Austrian Regrets.

London, July 17.

Herr von Bethmann Hollweg's resignation is generally regarded in Austria, where it is regarded as a pan-German success.

The *Tagblatt*'s Vienna correspondent states that it was solely owing to the conviction that Herr von Bethmann Hollweg was ready for peace that the agitation of the German annexationists has not disturbed Austro German relations.

The *Germania* states that the War Minister, Herr. Voestein, has resigned owing to the attitude of Herr von Bethmann Hollweg during the crisis.

The German annexationists denounce the faint-heartedness of the Reichstag majority for passing the peace resolution. They declare that peace by an understanding would mean ruin for Germany.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM IN AUSTRIA.

London, July 17.

According to a message from Amsterdam, it is reported from Vienna that the Premier, addressing the Constitution Committee, promised that the problem of giving equal rights to all Austrian nationalities would be solved by constitutional methods. He said this would deprive their enemies of the pretext of interfering in the domestic affairs of Austria, and would thus be a step on the road to peace.

CHINESE AFFAIRS.

Li Yuan-hung and the Presidency.

London, July 17.

The Republicans have resumed control in China. Tuan Chi-ji has resumed the Premiership and the War Ministry. Wang Ta-kei has been appointed Foreign Minister.

Li Yuan-hung has announced that he will not resume the Presidency.

THE MESOPOTAMIA AFFAIR.

Approaching the End.

London, July 17.

There was a general impression in the House of Commons last evening that nothing more will be heard of the Mesopotamia affair.

Further Discussion Depreciated.

London, July 17.

In a reply to Lord Claud Hamilton, the Attorney-General, in a letter to the *Times*, says he cannot withdraw any “misrepresentations” in his criticisms upon the procedure of the Mesopotamia Commission.

Lord Midleton and Lord Balfour, in letters to the *Times*, deprecate further protracted enquiry about Mesopotamia. Lord Midleton says “It lies with the Government to arrest a discussion which can hardly be more dignified than mobbing a football referee.”

The *Times*, in an editorial note, suggests Lord Selborne as the successor of Mr. Chamberlain.

SIR EDWARD CARSON.

London, July 17.

The *Times* says Sir Edward Carson's appointment to the War Cabinet has been practically settled.

IRISH CONVENTION TO MEET SHORTLY.

London, July 17.

It is announced in Dublin that the Irish Convention meets at Trinity College on the 25th instant. Mr. Duke will preside, pending the Convention's appointment of a Chairman.

TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph"]

THE WESTERN FRONT.

A Splendid British Enterprise.

London, July 17.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig states:—We gained ground slightly to the north-west of Warnez.

One of our raiding parties in the Neuport sector encountered a large enemy party. After a sharp fight, our party drove the Germans back to their lines, followed them up and bombed them in their trenches.

A Successful French Attack.

London, July 17.

A French communiqué says:—The Germans seriously re-attacked Teton, but our fire smashed the assaulting waves, which had to return to their own trenches in disorder, leaving numerous dead. We entirely maintained our gains of July 14.

We made a lively attack this morning west of Hill 304 and entirely re-captured all the positions which remained in the hands of the Germans after the actions on June 28 and 29. The prisoners have not yet been counted.

German Claims and Admissions.

London, July 17.

A German wireless official message says:—We repulsed an English attack at Lombartzye.

There was strong artillery fire from Nordehooft to Warnez, astride the Scarpe.

English reconnoitring advances at Mesines, Hulluch, Gavrelle and Bullecourt and north of St. Quentin failed.

We captured a further piece of a French trench at Courtecon and increased our prisoners to 450.

Enemy attacks between Malval Farm and Cerny, to the south of Bousquain, failed. We drove out the French who remained in our old positions at Poehl mount.

We have brought down five aeroplanes and four balloons.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES IN RUSSIA.

London, July 17.

Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd says that M. Shingareff, Minister of Justice, M. Andreeff, Minister of Education, and Prince Shakhovskoy, Minister of Public Instruction, have resigned.

M. Protopovitch has been appointed Minister of Commerce, and M. Tchernonsky Minister of Public Instruction.

THE PRIVY COUNCIL.

London, July 17.

It is probable that several representatives of the Dominions will attend to-day's meeting of the Privy Council.

BRITISH ROYALTY'S NEW NAME.

London, July 17.

His Majesty the King has adopted the name of Windsor for the Royal House and Family.

The Privy Council at which the change was unanimously decided was one of the most important held since the Coronation. It was attended by the Duke of Connaught, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord Chancellor, the Prime Minister, the Lord President of the Council, Lord Balfour, Mr. A. J. Balfour, Mr. Arthur, Mr. Andrew Fisher, Mr. G. N. Barnes, General Smuts, and Mr. W. P. Schreiner.

GOOD WORK BY ITALIAN AIRMEN.

London, July 17.

Reuter's correspondent at Rome says that aerial activity has increased in the Adriatic. Italian machines bombed Pola on Friday and Saturday, attacking enemy destroyers, while eighteen machines yesterday bombed Darsso, all returning safely.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

OUR ROYAL HOUSE.

London, July 16.

H.M. the King has convened a meeting of the Privy Council for to-morrow with the object of carrying out the intention which His Majesty has already expressed of changing the name of the Royal House. The new name will be duly proclaimed.

PREMIER AND MONARCH MEET.

London, July 16.

Mr. Lloyd George had a long audience of the King after which he conferred with many Ministerialists at Downing Street.

OLD AGE PENSIONS.

London, July 16.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Bonar Law stated that the Old Age Pensions would be increased by half-a-crown weekly.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Hankow's Heat.

The heat in Hankow has been very high during the past few days, registering between 97 and 98 degrees.

"We Will Vote with the British."

A touching incident occurred during the recent International Commercial Conference in Rome, which is worth recording as illustrating the peculiar confidence our Japanese Allies place in us. During a certain sitting of the Conference the conversation was conducted with such rapidity that the Japanese delegates present did not understand the precise gist of the motion to be put before the meeting. But when the moment for voting came, and they were asked how they would vote, they replied, without asking any questions, "We will vote with the British."

Strange German Admission.

The German Socialist *Vorwärts* makes this strange admission: "In the eyes of the majority of the white and yellow inhabitants of the globe Germany is regarded as the tyrannical and despotic conqueror, and her enemies are considered to be liberators. As the result of the Russian revolution and the American declaration of war, this tempest of world opinion has assumed the proportions of a hurricane." The *Sozialer Tagesschiff* makes the confession that the German policy which refused to join in the Bryan Treaty, to which Great Britain and other Powers gave their assent, is now avenging itself.

Why He Didn't Join.

Charged at the Liverpool Police Court, recently before the Stipendiary Magistrate (Mr. Stuart Deacon), with having failed, without good reason, to join a ship requisitioned by the Admiralty, upon which he had been lawfully engaged to serve as a greaser, a man named James Kinella, whose age was given as 37, when asked whether he was guilty or not guilty, pleaded that he "could not join because he was in gaol" on the date specified. Mr. Edwards (Messrs. Bateson, Warr and Wimhurst) informed his Worship that he appeared for the prosecution, on behalf of the Admiralty, but it transpired that on the date in question the accused was already in gaol undergoing a sentence for having stolen sugar, and he was afraid, under the circumstances, that Kinella must be discharged, as his Worship had held in previous cases that when a man was in gaol he could not also be on board his ship: (Laughter.) The Stipendiary.—Well, it must be so, must not it? (Renewed laughter.) Mr. Edwards.—It must be so, yes, your Worship. The Stipendiary thereupon intimated that the charge against Kinella would be withdrawn.

The Hope Heirlooms. Messrs. Christie announce that they will sell at auction on July 17 the Hope heirlooms, the property of Lord Francis Pelham Clinton Hope, of Deepdene, Dorking. It is scarcely necessary to say that these heirlooms by no means form the splendid collection as it originally stood. In 1898 some 83 of the Dutch and Flemish pictures, by far the richest section of the collection, were sold en bloc to Mr. Asher Wertheimer, of New Bond Street, and Messrs. Colnaghi, for £121,550, the gem of which, the Vermeer of Delft, an interior with a girl rinkling with a gentleman, is now in the Kaiser Friedrich Museum in Berlin.—At other times the collection was still further depleted. The famous Hope blue diamond was sold for £120,000, and in 1910 an application was made before Mr. Justice Warrington to sanction the sale of 20 of the remaining pictures. But even with these (and possibly other) sales, the residue of the collection is still of importance, for apparently one of its most noteworthy sections, the antique and other sculpture, has remained intact and even pictures of secondary quality, coming from such a famous collection possess a greater claim on collectors than works of higher artistic quality without such an undisputed provenance. There are probably about 60 pictures by old masters and finely painted still remaining.

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SUBMARINE WAR.

AMERICAN TELEGRAMS.

A German Officer's Boast.
Paris, June 4.—The Matin publishes an interview which M. Hugues Leroux has had with Sir Edward Carson. The latter said:—

"We cannot give to the English people, however conscientious they be, news which would give them the erroneous idea that there is no longer need to limit our consumption. But what may be strongly affirmed is that the entry of the United States into the war brings us from the naval point of view advantages the extent of which has not perhaps been appreciated by the public. First of all, we shall regulate, as can be done with perfect confidence, the use and direction of our tonnage. There will no longer be any wastage of transports, and their protection, which we have successfully organised in the British Channel, America will be able to assure in the Atlantic. As regards the food supplies which Germany might be able to obtain through neutrals, we are practically in control of these, since we are in a position to stop and visit all vessels. Think of the consequences of these possibilities, they are calculated to increase our confidence."

M. Hugues Leroux then reproduces the interrogatory put to an officer of high rank in the German navy, who was taken prisoner by the British. That the officer is a person of importance appears from the fact that the British Admiral in command was requested by three Signers to extend to him the treatment believed to be due to his rank:—

"The calculations of our Supreme Command," he asserted arrogantly, "show that Great Britain from next October will not be in a position to continue the war owing to the great number of her naval losses." "But do you not anticipate," he was asked, "that as a result of the entrance of the United States into the war the number of your submarine successes will considerably diminish?"

"Bah," replied the prisoner, "the United States! What can they do? They are not a military Power. I have always written, and our highest authorities have endorsed what I wrote, that if Great Britain had been willing to join with us our two countries could have dominated the world." "What you say," continued the questioner, "is a good example of your mistakes in psychology, since neither now nor at any other time has Great Britain ever dreamed of such a thing."

To this the prisoner's answer was, "You cannot make me believe that."

The conversation then turned to the peace which would satisfy Germany. The submarine officer affirmed that Germany could not be starved out; after the war she would send her ships to fetch for her all the materials of which she would stand in need. When it was observed that the torpedoing of hospital ships would close all markets to Germany, who would be obliged, then to send her army with the ships, the submarine officer, somewhat taken aback by the suggestion that the nations would refuse to trade with Germany, said that he himself had never attacked a hospital ship, and he would never believe that the British Admiralty would use the disguise of hospital ships for transports. The questioner quoted to him the phrase from his vessel's log, which stated they had not had the chance to torpedo a hospital ship. For reply, the submarine commander burst into a laugh.

"The co-operation of America, what does that signify, I ask you?" said the officer in reply to another question. "It signifies that a hundred million men, with all the resources for work and manufacture at their command, willingly impose conscription upon themselves in order to kill Germans," retorted his interlocutor. "Bertie."

Singapore Barrister.

Mr. Shelley-Thompson, Barrister at Law of the Middle Temple, was admitted an Advocate and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of the Straits Settlements by the Chief Justice, Sir John Bannill, on the 9th instant.

Honolulu Aid and the War.

Two and a half million dollars have been subscribed in Honolulu to the American War Loan. (Cheers).

VICTORIA THEATRE.

Historical War Events Screened.

The pictures describing the Battle of the Aarsa and the "Advance of the Tanks" were again shown at the Victoria Theatre last night before a large audience, who followed the many incidents depicted with close and appreciative interest. To many, the enormous amount of solid work done at the Front and the immense organisation behind it all must have come as a revelation, for in the scenes shown such facts are brought most forcibly home. The conditions under which much of the warfare is being conducted—the mud, the miles of cheerless, barren, bomb-trickled country, the narrow and wretched-looking trenches and dugouts—are all likewise vividly presented.

As much as can reasonably be expected to be shown of what takes place preparatory to a big battle and what occurs during and subsequent to the actual engagement is shown, and makes the picture intensely interesting, thrillingly graphic and historically valuable. The splendid work of the Army Transport Corps is seen in full swing, and glimpses are given of many well-known regiments in various phases of the campaign. The reality of the proceedings is everywhere manifested, just as are the wonderful cheerfulness, courage and perseverance, amidst surroundings that are occasionally atrociously uncomfortable, of our gallant soldiers. Particularly vivid are the pictures showing the incessant nocturnal firing of our big guns, and the lurid and awe-inspiring effect. Pleasing variety is lent to the programme by a series of pictures showing certain phases of our Navy's war work and by pictures portraying the magnificent manner in which the munition workers—especially the women—at home are "doing their bit."

To-morrow evening the war pictures will again be shown. They are well worth seeing.

JAPAN'S NAVAL HELP.

Question Raised in Parliament.

In the House of Commons on May 24, Mr. McKinnon Wood asked the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs whether, in view of the ignorance that appears to exist in some quarters in this country as to the naval assistance rendered by our Japanese Ally during the War, he is in a position to make any statement on the subject?

Lord Robert Cecil, replying, said:—The activities of the Japanese Navy have not come to an end with their extensive operations undertaken in the early stage of the war in conjunction with the British Navy which culminated in the extermination of the German naval forces in the Pacific. The special detachment of several cruisers and destroyers which was dispatched to the coast of the Straits Settlements early in 1916 has ever since been and is assisting the British Navy in guarding the Indian Ocean east of Colombo, while in the North Pacific detachments of Japanese cruisers have in the course of last year carried out on several occasions, at the instance of the British Government, extended cruises which were of great importance to the Allied cause.

More recently, in view of the development of the naval situation, the two Allied Governments deemed it necessary that the operations of the Japanese Navy should be further extended. Accordingly the Imperial Government dispatched a considerable force of light craft to the Mediterranean, where they are now co-operating with the naval forces of Great Britain and other Allies.

In addition thereto several new detachments of powerful and fast cruisers have been dispatched to assist the British Navy in the protection of shipping in the Indian and South Pacific Oceans.

These services to the Allied cause, gratifying and important as they are in themselves, gain additional value as showing the spirit of every one of our Allies and as indicating the greatness of the assistance which we may expect from them in the future.

The following telegram was received at 11 a.m. to-day:—

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SHIPPING NEWS.

German Shipping "Gazette." Hamburg shipping interests, headed by Herr Ballin, are planning the establishment of a German shipping "Gazette" as a rival to Lloyd's. The Germans fear that after the war Lloyd's may suppress news of German shipping.

Cunard Line Enterprise.

It is reported that the Cunard Line has the intention of ordering 114 new steamers, ranging from 8,000 to 17,000 tons, involving a capital of £34,000,000. It is understood that these new vessels, most of which are cargo steamers, are to be delivered within the next eighteen months.

Japan's Shipbuilding Investigation Society.

The shipbuilding industry of Japan is enjoying phenomenal activity, and to promote its interests after the war an association called the Shipbuilding Investigation Society has been organised. The authorities of the new organisation include some officials in the Department of Communications and scholars.

The New Board of Admiralty.

Dr. Macnamara, replying recently in the House of Commons, to a question, said the reconstituted Board of Admiralty consists of eleven members, besides the Parliamentary and permanent secretaries. It includes the additional Civil Lord, who is for the present employed by the Government in connection with other services. The distribution of Admiralty business will be set forth in a table, according to the established procedure. The duties, briefly, of the various members are:—First Lord, General Direction. First Sea Lord, Deputy Chief of Naval Staff, and Assistant Chief of Naval Staff, War Operations. Second Sea Lord, Personnel. Third Sea Lord, Controller, Material, and Requirements—The former mainly and latter wholly production. Fourth Sea Lord, Stores and Transport. Fifth Sea Lord, Air Service. Civil Lord, Works, Financial Secretary, Finance, Permanent Secretary, Admiralty Business.

The Japanese Shipping Market.

Much speculation is now going on in the shipping market. A certain large Japanese firm is reported to have contracted to ship 1,800 tons of cargo by the Massaki-maru from Moji to Yokohama at Y11. This rate is the highest on record for this kind of service. In this connection a rumour says that the exceptionally high rate has been deliberately accepted with a view to forcing up charter rates. Three more steamers have changed hands. A vessel of 3,500 tons deadweight building at the Ishikawajima Dockyard has been sold at Y650 for December delivery to Mr. Kanamori of Hakodate. The Tokyo Kaiun Kaisha has bought a steamer of 3,450 tons on the stocks at a shipyard in Osaka at Y550 for delivery in March next. A third steamer sold is the Jinyo-maru, 2,100 tons, built in 1913, which has been purchased by the Murai Kisen Kaisha for Y80,000.

Before this she was bought by Mr. Okuda, of Hakodate, for Y520,000, then by Messrs. Doddwell and Co. for Y700,000, and now by the Murai company for Y820,000.

Income Tax and Foreign Shipping Companies.

In the House of Commons, recently, Commander Herbert Craig asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer whether he can give any instance of an income tax assessment having been made upon the profits of foreign shipping companies trading to this country who have not a place of business or branch office in this country; whether, under the provisions of Section 41 of the Income Tax Act of 1842, and Section 31 of the Finance Act, 1915, any assessment to British income tax has been made upon Messrs. Thomas Cook and Sons, Ltd., or any other tourist firms, in respect of the profits earned in this country by foreign shipping and railway companies who have no branch or place of business in this country, but who employ Messrs. Cook or other tourist agencies to sell tickets on their behalf. Mr. Bonar Law—

I will answer these questions together. There are a number of cases of assessment to income tax in respect of the profits of foreign shipping companies carrying on business in this country who have not a place of business of their own or a branch office here. I may remind the hon. and gallant member that it would be inconsistent with the obligations to secrecy of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue to furnish information relative to the income tax assessments upon particular taxpayers.

(Projected Sailings from Hongkong.—Subject to Alteration).

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SHANGHAI Fochow Esang Thur, 19th July at d'light.

HAIPHONGLoksang Thur, 19th July at 7 a.m.

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WEDNESDAY, 18th JULY, 1917.

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8.00 a.m. Honam. | 8.00 a.m. Heungshan.
10.00 p.m. Fatshan. | 4.30 p.m. Kinshan.

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Goods not cleared by 22nd inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 21st inst., 1917, at 10 A.M.

Claims against the steamer must be presented in writing within ten days after arrival of steamer, otherwise they will not be recognised.

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Hongkong 15th July, 1917.

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San Francisco via Japan	Siberia M.	T. K. K.	27, July
Victoria B.C. & Japan	Yokohama	N. Y. K.	1, Aug.
San Francisco via Japan	Goeatoo	J.C.J. L.	1, Aug.
San Francisco via Japan	Tenyo M.	P. M. S. S.	10, Aug.
San Francisco via Japan	Venezuela	T. K. K.	15, Aug.
San Francisco via Japan	Rindjani	J.C.J. L.	15, Aug.
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San Francisco via Japan	China	P. M. S. S.	5, Sept.
San Francisco via Japan	Solino M.	T. K. K.	7, Sept.
San Francisco via Japan	Ecuador	P. M. S. S.	12, Sept.
San Francisco via Japan	Vondel	J.C.J. L.	12, Sept.
San Francisco via Japan	Persia M.	T. K. K.	22, Sept.
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The Kaiser Thanks the Scapgoat.

Amsterdam, July 16.

The Emperor has written to Bethmann Hollweg stating: I have decided with a heavy heart to grant your request to relieve you of the office which you have discharged for eight years with eminent loyalty, placing your brilliant powers and personality at the service of the Crown and the country. In the most grievous times that have ever befallen Germany, wherein decisions of paramount importance had to be taken, you stood by my side with counsel and aid. My heart's desire is to thank you most cordially for your faithful service.

"A Dark Horse."

London, July 16.

Dr. Michaelis remains a dark horse but the fact that the Conservative papers praise the appointment of a vigorous personality with great firmness seems to indicate that he is approved of by them. His first speech in the Reichstag is eagerly awaited.

The Resignation Explained.

London, July 16.

Reuter learns from Holland that the German political crisis culminated after Bethmann Hollweg had proposed a constitutional body consisting of members of the Reichstag which should act as intermediary between the Reichstag and the Government. Bavaria agreed; Austria though politically unconcerned frowned upon the policy. The Kaiser, the Crown Prince and Generals Hindenburg and Ludendorff opposed the policy of no concessions. Bethmann Hollweg insisted, therefore, and Bavaria and Austria persisted in their demands, therefore. Then Bethmann Hollweg resigned.

The Reichstag and Peace.

London, July 16.

According to the "Vorwärts" the majority in the Reichstag intends introducing at the earliest opportunity what may be described as a national peace demonstration in the form of a resolution affirming that the German people, as declared on August 4, 1914, do not desire conquest, is fighting for liberty, independence and integrity of its territory, and desires a peace of conciliation and lasting reconciliation of all peoples with an economic peace and freedom of the seas. Nevertheless Germany will fight until the Allies cease threatening her and her Allies with conquests.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

Slight British Advance.

London, July 16.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports: We successfully raided eastward of Vermelles and slightly advanced our line northward of Messines. Hostile artillery activity increased south-westward of Lens and in the neighbourhood of Armentières. We brought down three aeroplanes and three of ours are missing.

An Enemy Claim.

London, July 16.

A German communiqué claims that three British attempts to recover the lost positions at Lombartzyde were repulsed with heavy losses.

Germans Terribly Punished.

London, July 17.

A French communiqué states: The Champagne fighting which began during the night at Montaigu, ended in the complete defeat of the Germans, who despite most violent efforts, were unable to recapture the ground won on the 14th July. The attacks were murderous for the enemy, who launched waves to the assault. Our fire moved down two, while one penetrated our lines but after a fierce conflict until daylight our troops annihilated the detachments and regained possession of all the ground won.

Sixteen hundred shells were thrown on Rethim, where the artillery is most lively.

ANOTHER RAID ON ZEEBRUGGE.

London, July 17.

The Admiralty announces that naval aeroplanes last night dropped several tons of bombs on the Solway works at Zeebrugge, railway junctions and sidings at Ostend, sidings and dumps at Middlekerke, the railway junction at Thourout, and on motor transport convoys and railway siding at Lierkerke. All our machines returned.

STOP PRESS TELEGRAM.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

WHY RUSSIAN MINISTERS RESIGNED.

London, July 17.

Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd states that the reason of the resignations of Ministers, who are all Constitutional Democrats, is owing to the Government's Ukrainian policy.

The Government has issued a Proclamation creating a Ukrainian Secretariat General to control local affairs, except as regards the Army, in connection with which special Ukrainian delegates will be attached to the War Cabinet and the General Staff.

The Ministers who have resigned are of opinion that the Constituent Assembly should have determined the relations between Ukraine and the rest of Russia.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

HUGE CAPTURES BY RUSSIANS.

London, July 16.

A Russian official message says: North-eastward of Kalus, we repulsed German attacks to throw us back. On the Lomnica we drove out the Austrians after a severe engagement from the village of Ldziany. The arrival of enemy reserves and great losses from our officers compelled us to retire slightly to the eastern end of Ldziany. We beat off three Turkish attacks south-westward of Gumishchane. We stopped a Turkish advance in the direction of Pendivin. A German communiqué speaks of lively fighting at Riga and south of Drivsk.

A Russian official message states: We captured in yesterday's battle 16 officers and 900 Austro-Germans and a number of machine guns. Our capture, between July 1 and 13 were 834 officers, 35,509 men, 93 guns, 28 trench mortars, three fire throwers, two aeroplanes and other material.

IN MESOPOTAMIA.

Work of the Red Cross Launches.

At the present time there are thirty-three motor launches supplied by the British Red Cross Society operating in Mesopotamia in service at various points along the river from Mohammara, twenty miles below Basra, right up to the front, a distance of several hundred miles. Their main purpose is for the transport of sick and wounded. But apart from this some of the boats are used for the distribution of Red Cross stores to hospitals and river hospital steamers.

The first Red Cross launches sent to Mesopotamia, in response to a request from General Nixon, reached the Tigris at the end of 1915 and others have arrived at regular intervals, early in 1916, when there was a considerable shortage of river craft, the Weser, which was one of the first boats to be put into commission, worked almost day and night at Basra, discharging sick from river steamers to hospitals and clearing hospitals to sea-going hospital-ships carrying a large total of sick and wounded, after nearly 18 months' strenuous service this launch is still in regular commission, carrying Red Cross stores up and down the river, making journeys of several hundred miles. In all, a great number of sick and wounded, hospital personnel etc., have been carried in Red Cross launches, which at one time were the only small boats engaged in this work, and which still carry out practically all the subsidiary transport of sick and wounded on the river.

Generally speaking the duties of the Red Cross launches was afforded at the time of the capture of the strong Semaiyat position from the Turks at the end of February. Several of the boats were stationed close to advanced dressing stations by the river's edge, a few thousand yards behind the trenches. During the period when the Turkish lines were assaulted and captured, practically all the wounded were brought down to this station for treatment, and then carried away as quickly as possible to the field ambulances further down the river, also

located by the water's edge. The whole of the arrangements during this time, everything worked without a hitch, and as soon as one launch was loaded up and despatched, another came up to the roughly formed jetty (consisting of a moored "bellum"—the local small craft of the country—and a few planks to the shore) ready to receive its complement of drivers.

A good deal of this evacuation had to be carried out on pitch black night, with only a dim light here and there to aid the navigation, with the stream rushing down at 5 miles an hour and with only part of the river available as a channel and the satisfactory result reflected to the credit of the drivers of the launches.

On a river so difficult of navigation as the Tigris, it is unusual for small craft to make long journeys, and the Red Cross launches are almost the only boats of their size to carry out such journeys. These launches engaged on post duty, that is, visiting outlying posts on the river, often run 80 or 90 miles up and down the river, while many of the launches have run from the base at Basra right up to the front, between 250 and 300 miles.

Some of the boats are allotted for the purpose of enabling the medical officers to visit their various posts and by this means useful work is accomplished that would otherwise be difficult to effect, since in spite of the recent improvements in Mesopotamia, river transport is in many parts the only possible means of communication.

Various types of motor launches have been sent out by the Red Cross Society, the most numerous consisting of craft 40 feet in length, fitted with an engine of about 30 h.p., and having a speed of nearly ten knots in smooth water. There is a cabin right forward in which the engine is installed and two berths fitted for the drivers, who in most cases have to live on their boats. The rest of the launch is thus unimpeded, and is wholly available for carrying patients, being divided into compartments by strengthening bulkheads, so arranged that stretchers can conveniently fit in either athwartships or fore and aft. About 28 sitting cases can comfortably be accommodated, or about 8 stretchers and 16 sitting cases, and the boat can be loaded in a few minutes. A double awning with an air space between is fitted over the whole boat, with side curtains all round so that patients are well protected even from the intense sun of Mesopotamia.

In addition to the transport of sick and wounded, two launches, 45 feet in length, capable of holding 5 tons, have been constantly employed distributing Red Cross stores and hospital comforts to the hospitals and by this means it has been possible not only to supply the hospitals, otherwise difficult or impossible of access, but to meet urgent requirements in the shortest possible time. Many hundred of tons have been carried by these launches, which are able to travel at a higher speed than any of the large steamers on the river.

SCHOOL CHESS.

Presentation of Challenge Shield.

MEN UP TO 49.

Army Council's Order for Registration Lists.

Registration authorities have been instructed by the Local Government Board to prepare lists of all registered men between the ages of 41 and 49. This is being done at the instance of the Army Council.

This is only a precautionary measure. Nearly three weeks before, the War Office issued a notice that two new groups for voluntary enlistment were to be opened—one for men between the ages of 41 and 45, and the other for men over 45, but under 50. Beyond issuing that notice, nothing further has been done, and the posters inviting recruits of these ages have not been issued.

The issue of instructions to the recruiting officers to draw up lists of these men has drawn attention to the matter once again, and we are enabled to state that there is at present no intention of doing anything more at present.

The War Office and the Local Government Board desire to obtain complete returns of the men between these ages, registered under the National Registration Act, but this is not to be taken as an indication that the enlistment of these men is to be proceeded with in the near future.

in the Colony. The shield which he was going to present had been won by Queen's College last year but this year it had been won by the Saiyingpan School, which was very satisfactory and it reflected very great credit on the school and also on Mr. Kay, who had done all the coaching of the team who had won. Several teams had taken part in the competition—Queen's College (the holders of the shield), the University Union, St. Paul's College, the Diocesan School, St. Joseph's College, and Wan Chai School, in addition to Saiyingpan School. The latter school secured 40%, Queen's College 33%, University Union 23%, St. Joseph's College 22%, Diocesan School 20 and Wan Chai 9%. In fairness to the University Union, he should point out that this team had to scratch with St. Joseph's College owing to other examinations, although they would not have made any difference to the win of Saiyingpan School. It was largely due to the exertions of Mr. Kay that the Hongkong School Chess League had come into being, and he hoped that it would have a successful career in the future. He suggested that the names of the team of the Saiyingpan School should be inscribed on the shield, as the names of the Queen's College team had been inscribed last year.

Mr. Pollock, in making the presentation, said that it gave him great pleasure to be there that afternoon to say a few words to them on the subject of chess. He was and had been for some years, as perhaps they knew, the President of the Hongkong Chess Club, and before that he was the Hon. Secretary. He had played a good deal of chess

recently and he hoped that he would be in the school at a future date on a similar function.

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

Japan's War Expenditure.
The total of Japan's war expenditure actually defrayed since she began fighting the Germans at Tsingtao in August of 1914 up to the end of last fiscal year amounted to Y186,700,000. The sum provided in the Budget for the current financial year is Y37,400,000. In addition, a Supplementary War Credit of Y105,100,000 has just been introduced in the Diet. When this amount is taken into account, Japan's total war expenditure up to date amounts to Y329,200,000.

The N.Y.K. European Service.
Representatives of the Sampachi Kai, an association of the principal shippers in Kobe, have gone to Tokyo to approach the authorities of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha in Tokyo with regard to the reported proposal of the company to withdraw all the extra steamers from the European service. According to a telegraphic report from these representatives, the head office of the company is responsible for the proposal, but it is suspected that the ulterior object aimed at is to raise the freight-tariff. It is expected that on the return to Kobe of its representatives, the Sampachi Kai will hold a Committee meeting and open negotiations with the Nippon Yusen Kaisha on the matter.

Australian Ban On Tea.
According to a telegram received by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha on the 23rd ult., the Australian Government has prohibited the importation of tea shipped later than the 19th instant, except tea produced in the British colonies. Some efforts are being made to export Formosan tea to Australia, but as there are only small exports of tea from this country, it is not expected that reported prohibition will have any marked effect on Japan's tea trade. The tea trade of China, however, will be considerably affected, and some adverse effect on the steamship companies concerned is accordingly apprehended. There are rumours of other Australian prohibitions affecting Japanese export lines, but no details have as yet been made public.—*Japan Chronicle*.

The Japanese Demand for U.S. Gold.

Agencies here (says a New York Message dated May 29) of Japanese financial institutions have informed the Treasury Department officials at Washington, in response to requests for information about the heavy gold outflow to Japan, that their requirements in connection with the export of gold for the next three months will probably be about \$50,000,000 (£10,000,000). It is explained that the gold is required to pay India for cotton. At the same time, it is known that Japanese bankers, other private interest, and perhaps the Japanese Government, are arranging to purchase here French and British securities, which should moderate our gold exports. The Bank of Taiwan (Formosa) will open a branch here within a few weeks.

The Freight Market.
Messrs. Wheelock and Co.'s freight market report, dated July 5, states:—As regards freights to Europe the position remains unchanged and we have nothing to add to our last report as to the Government control of shipping. Effectually precludes any mercantile activity and there is consequently nothing to write about. Via Pacific:—Freights continue strong across the Pacific and the advance anticipated in our last to Gold \$50.00 per ton for general cargo has duly come about and takes effect from the 1st instant. Coastwise:—Trade in our northern market has been fairly active during the period under review and exports from river ports were just beginning to revive, but the *coup de grace* which has just taken place at Peking by which a Manchu Emperor has again been placed on the Dragon Throne is bound to have an adverse effect on the coasting trade and has already made itself felt in banking business. At this early stage of the proceedings, however, it is impossible to foresee what may happen during the next few days.

Japan's Gold Reserve.

The total reserve of Japan's gold specie continues to increase. According to the latest returns, on the 23rd ult., the total amounted to Y883,000,000, Y324,000,000 being held at home and Y559,000,000 abroad. Compared with the figures for the 13th ult., the portion held at home shows an increase of Y12,000,000 and that held abroad a decrease of Y1,000,000, or an increase of Y11,000,000 in the aggregate.

A Japanese Loan.

Sometime ago it was reported that the French Government was negotiating with the Japanese authorities for a loan to be used in payment for the munitions of war bought by France from Japan. It is now said that a decision has been reached for the Japanese Syndicate Banks to undertake a loan of Y50,000,000 for the benefit of France. In this connection the *Mainichi* learns that both Russia and France having outstanding accounts due to Japan, the raising of loans in Japan on behalf of the two countries has been merely a question of time. The Japanese authorities at first desired to raise a Russian loan before the French loan in view of the fact that the Russian accounts are the larger of the two, while there were some prospects of further new orders being received. The Russian loan was about to materialise, when the revolution broke out and compelled the programme to be altered.

On the other hand excess of Japan's exports over imports has steadily continued, and as a result demands for exchange funds have equally increased. In view of this state of things, the Government recently issued a domestic loan, and has now decided to raise a French loan in this country. Accordingly, representatives of the Syndicate Banks on the 11th instant met at the Bank of Japan rooms and finally discussed the particulars of the proposed loan. It is expected that full particulars will be announced in a few days.

Shanghai Share Market.

Messrs. A. L. Anderson & Co., in their weekly share circular, dated Shanghai, June 30, state:—The continuance of 'tight money' has again limited the operations on our Exchange and the temptingly high prices of silver has induced rather lower prices in the share market all round. To-day however sees the release of some five lakhs in debenture interest, most of which stays in the port, and a further two and a half lakhs by repayment of an old Municipal loan, where however the greater part goes to Hongkong. Quotations generally show lower rates, but especially so among the rubbers where the twin factors of higher exchange and lower rubber have exerted a combined influence. However, the action of the Indian Government, as we go to press, is having a lowering effect on exchange and better prices may obtain next week. Cottons have remained steady but quiet. The closing rate to-day for T/T on London was 39/4; the Dollar rate being 72/05. Company Meetings, etc.—Kochiense:—The accounts for the 17 months ending 21st ultimo show a profit of Tls. 5,506.69 and this, together with the sum of Tls. 43,200.71 brought forward from last year, it is proposed to carry forward: the meeting will take place on 6th proximo. The sale of the concern to Japanese buyers has received the consent of the British Government, with some restrictions, one of which precludes the actual transfer taking place until after the war. Kota Bahru:—The meeting is to be held on 3rd July, when the shareholders will be asked to vote the disposal of a divisible balance by payment of a final dividend of Tls. 665. (making Tls. 1 for the year, by writing Tls. 111,645.49 off various accounts, (chiefly "Development") and carrying forward Tls. 4,987.77. Sauras:—The meeting is called for 11th proximo: accounts not yet to hand. Tanah Merah:—The Directors will propose at the meeting to be held on 9th proximo that a dividend of 8 per cent. be paid, Tls. 7,563.54 written off various accounts, and Tls. 5,563.00 carried forward.

Re-insurance of War Risks.
The Japanese Government has introduced in the Diet a Bill providing for the reinsurance of war risks. According to the Bill, the Japanese Government will be ready to accept re-insurance of war risks in respect of an original contract concluded by a Japanese insurance company or by a Japan branch or agency of a foreign insurance company which accepted risks at a premium lower than that which has been fixed by the Japanese authorities.

The objects of re-insurance are to be vessels of Japanese nationality; goods exported from or imported into Japan; or goods shipped on Japanese vessels. With regard to the amount of re-insurance to be accepted by the Government in respect of a ship, this will be decided by a special Committee to be appointed for the purpose.

The Coal Market.

The coal market report issued by Messrs. Wheelock and Co. on July 5 states:—Japan Coal:—Our local market has been very quiet during the past fortnight and recent political disturbances at first desired to raise a Russian loan before the French loan in view of the fact that the Russian accounts are the larger of the two, while there were some prospects of further new orders being received. The Russian loan was about to materialise, when the revolution broke out and compelled the programme to be altered.

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